



J,S, THE EEL FERRET .

You will all have heard by now of the tragic death of John Sidley. I will not go on to much because I intend to send out a special bulletin of some of his articles and a few tribute from people and members who new him.

On a personal note I would like to say that John from the day I took over as bulletin editor has provided me with maney articles 2 or 3 for every bulletin I have released, in fact I had put in my editorial that this was the first buletin that was J,S, free that I had done. Those articles were the backbone of the bulletin without them the bulletin would have been very thin indeed. His writings were on all branch's of eel angling, he parted with all of his vast experiance openly and freely, he didnt hide his water s behind strange secret names, he told us all of his baits and tackle, he was as honest as they come, a true gent.

Every year he won the biggest eel caught by a member, he attended a few fishin's and usualy caught the biggest fish on that. He was behind the put Eels Back campaign, he even this year proved he could catch other species with double figure Barbel and large Chub 5Ib +. He told me some years back that he wanted to catch a 30 Ib Pike preferably from his favourite River Severn, last winter he did it. He will be sorely missed by a lot of people.

THE EEL FERRET WILL ALWAYS BE REMEMBERED.

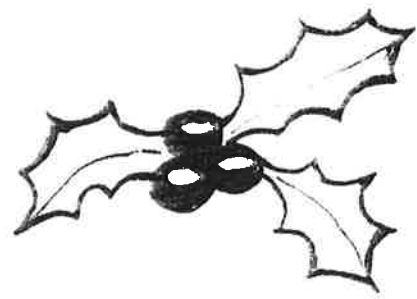
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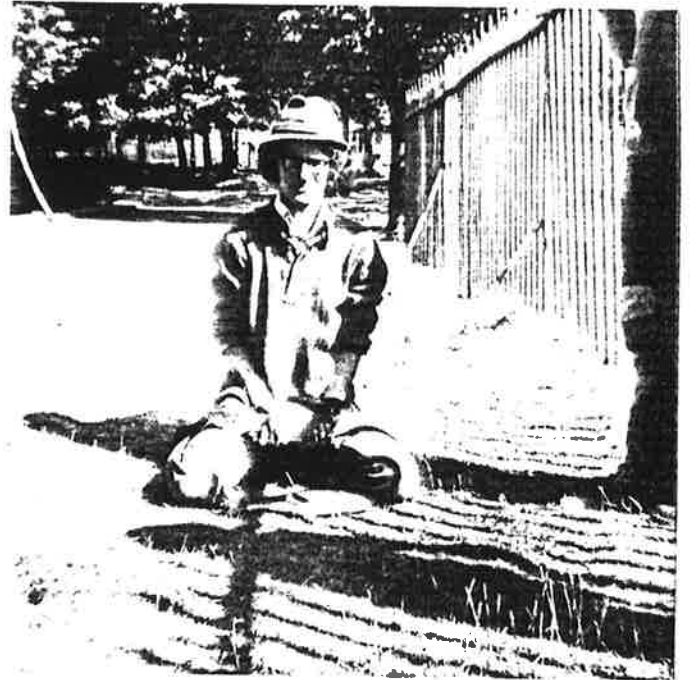
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THE
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EDITORS PAGE

Not much to say again just a happy Christ mas to you all and a prosperous New Year. Thanks to all the members who has helped me over the year andto those who haven't wrote yet Power to your pen.

The AGM went as usual and the people who was there got voted in this is not the old boys network as has been suggested but as there is not that many there then the proposer and seconders are usualy the same bunch, Thats my moan for this bulletin done I hope you all enjoy the rest of this mag and I will see you all next year.

NICK ROSE.

PS. A big thanks to Rob Ledwards for the drawings.

Dear Members,

As the newly appointed chairman for 1991 I thought I'd make the effort to pen a few words.

It is a great honour and privilage to serve the club in this vitally important role as chairman of the National Anguillia Club. Together with the rest of the Committee I'm sure we can put this club back where it belongs at the TOP.

A few years ago the club seemed to be swimming in a deep sea, lack of interest, infrequent bullitins, which when produced were full of complaints and moans and groans. Since I've been a member the years 89/90 have been the best yet with membership rising to 37. The bullitins are now what they are supposed to be, full of articles about eels.


The activity of the membership has also improved considerably and my thanks must go to them for rallying round writing articles sending in photographs and catch reports etc. However we must not rest on our laurels, there is still a lot of work to be done. So if any of you can offer any help in a anyway please get in touch with one of the committee.

Merry Christmas,

May all your snakes be big ones.



TAFF.



RECORD OFFICERS REPORT

After last seasons results I had hoped that this would have encouraged more members to report what eels they have caught. This as it turned out was not the case. However a small number of you have done the club proud.

New member John Manifieli has caught a personal best this year, a superb eel weighing 4lb 10 oz. Well done John.

Tom Calder our new secretary has had a fine season catching four 4 lb eels. Weighing :- 4.1, 4.6, 4.6, 4.8, plus a number of eels up to 3 lb 8 oz.

The Quarrelsome Twosome, Chris Brown and Nick Rose have taken a fair number of eels this season with Nick catching the biggest at 3 lb 15 oz. Also to prove it was no fluke, Nick also caught the biggest eel on a club trip. A 1 lb 10 oz. eel at Farlows lake. Dave (where's my Viper) Taylor has been busy playing in his wormery. Congratulations on your new arrival. I hope your wife is well. Soon Taylor Junior will be catching bigger eels than Taylor senior.

Robert Pitt has had a good season catching a great number of eels 72 under 2 lb, 6 over 2 lb, 1 over 3 lb, (3.4)

Terry Jefferson is still using too much ink and paper so his fishing is still rather curtailed at the moment.

Myself. I have just become a dad for the FOURTH time. A fine baby boy, weighing 6 lb 15 $\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Thanks Pat, you're a Darling.

On the eel front I have managed a few sessions landing a few under 1 lb and one weighing 2lb 7 oz. A really hard frustrating season for me.

John Sidley, The Eel Ferret, has had a very quiet season, but he still managed to land a couple of heavyweights. The biggest 6 lb 7 oz has won the cup for the Biggest Eel of the year for 1990. The others were 1 5lb+, 2 4lb's and a couple of 3's.

Next season please make the effort to report the eels you catch no matter how small they are. As you can read in the prepared list even the famous have had seasons.

My thanks to the members who reported their catches and a Merry Christmas to you all.

Good Eeling,

Taff.



Chris Brown 9 under 2 lb 1 over 2 lb (2 lb 9 oz,)

Tom Calder 2 over 3 lb (3 lb 8 oz, 3lb 8 oz)
4 over 4 lb (4 lb 1 oz, 4lb 6 oz, 4 lb 6 oz
4lb 8 oz.)

Nick Evans 9 under 2 lb.

Kevin Huish 5 under 2 lb, 1 over 2 lb, (2lb 7 oz,

John Manifold 1 under 2 lb, 3 over 2 lb (2 lb 2 oz,
2 lb 14 oz, 2 lb 8 oz)
1 over 4 lb (4 lb 10 oz)

Robert Pitt 72 under 2 lb
6 over 2 lb (2 lb , 2 lb 1 oz, 2lb 1oz,
2 lb 2 oz, 2lb 3 oz, 2lb 5 oz)
1 over 3 lb (3 lb 4 oz.)

Nick Rose 7 under 2 lb
5 over 2lb (2 lb 1 oz, 2lb 5 oz, 2 lb 6oz,
2lb 8 oz, 2 lb 9 oz,
1 over 3 lb (3lb 15 oz)

John Sidley 6 lb 7 oz.
5 lb +
4 lb 14 oz.
4 lb +

THE TOP 50 EELS OF GREAT BRITAIN (as of November 1990) (Rod caught)

WEIGHT	CAPTOR	LOCATION	BAIT	YEAR	MONTH
11:02*	S.Terry	Kingfisher Lake, Hants	Worm	1978	June
10:03	C.Bone	R.Lea, Cooks Ferry	Worm	1984	July
9:13	C.Price	Lincs Stillwater	DB	1985	March
9:07	Unknown	Somerset Water	S	1985	Aug
9:02	D.North	Lancs Water	M	1985	Sept
9:02	S.Dove	Dagenham Pit	S	1989	July
8:13	R.Woolham	Wem Pit, Shropshire	LM	1984	June
8:12	S.Mulcahy	Hants Water	DB	1985	Oct
8:10**	A.Dart	Hunstrete Lake	DB	1969	Aug
8:10	J.Harrison	Calf Heath Reservoir	Worm	1983	July
8:09	C.Taylor	Wem Pit, Shropshire	LM	1981	June
8:08**	C.Mitchell	Bitterwell Lake	Worm	1922	July
8:08	Mr.Ward	Fritton Decoy	DB	1948	-
8:07	N.Frostwick	Grand Union Canal	Worm	1975	May
8:04	J.Taylor	Pond at Arlesey	Worm	1958	Aug
8:04	J.Macfarlane	River Tees	Worm	1964	-
8:03	J.Sidley	Earlswood Lakes	Worm	1978	Sept
8:02	B.Leek	Burgess Hill Kake	C	1974	Aug
8:01	D.Boyer	Broadlands Lake, Hants	DB	1988	Nov
8:00	A.Cook	Savay Lake	S	1978	Aug
8:00	R.Jones	Greystone Lake, Mons.	Worm	1969	May
8:00	M.Bowles	Weirwood Reservoir	Worm	1986	July
7:15	P.Climo	Greystone Lake, Mons.	Worm	1969	May
7:14	J.Sidley	Westwood Park Lake	Worm	1980	July
7:14	M.Eels	Sussex Water	DB	1987	July
7:13	M.Hill	Arlesey Lake	Worm	1970	Aug
7:12	D.Bennet	Wem Pit, Shropshire	DB	1979	July
7:12	D.Willis	River Stour	DB	1989	July
7:12	G.Moss	Mayfield Lake	DB	1958	-
7:12	I.Mann	Earlswood Lakes	LB	1975	Oct
7:10	M.Waters	Brandesburton Ponds	Worm	1980	June
7:10	I.Ponting	Taplow Pit	-	1979	July
7:10	P.Millar	Grand Union Canal	Worm	1985	Aug
7:09½	D.Childs	River Severn	Worm	1989	Aug
7:09	V.Gould	Sussex Water	M	1988	July
7:09	M.Green	Millfield Lagoon	DB	1988	Oct
7:08	R.Jones	Greystone Lake	Worm	1968	May
7:08	M.Smith	Lancs Water	DB	1985	Aug
7:08	D.Holman	Shropshire Mere	Worm	1982	July
7:08	G.Teideman	Bridgewater Pit	M	1978	March
7:08	G.Moss	R.Thames	DB	1964	-
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7:08	A.J.Dewsnap	Oulton Broad	LB	1953	-
7:08	Unknown	Chorlton Marina	DB	1988	June
7:08	Mr.Bond	Belvoir Bottom Lake	DB	1932	-
7:08	M.Hopes	Coate Water, Swindon	DB	1983	March
7:06	P.Gustafson	Oxford Water	DB	1985	Sept
7:06	B.Dudley	Eastleigh Lake, Hants	DB	1974	July
7:06	L.Elson	River Medway	Worm	1982	July
7:06	J.Seddon	Lancs Water	DB	1987	July
7:06	P.Reynolds	Wraysbury Lake	DB	1990	Feb

KEY: * = Present Eel Record ** = Past Eel Record
 LB = Livebait DB = Deadbait
 M = Maggot C = Cheese
 S = Special LM = Luncheon Meat

(All details from Angling Press and angling groups. © Brian Crawford)

ANALYSIS OF "TOP 50 EEL LIST" AS AT NOVEMBER 1990

PRE 1940 2 (1922 and 1932)
1940 - 1949 2
1950 - 1959 4
1950 - 1959 7
1960 - 1969 16 (Formation of National Anguilla Club in 1962)
1970 - 1979 16
1980 - 1989 26

NOTE: Need eel of over 7lb 6oz to get into TOP 50 Eel List.

"TOP 50" EEL BAIT ANALYSIS

WORM 19
DEADBAIT 20
LIVEBAIT 2
SPECIAL 2 (eg boilie)
MAGGOT 3
CHEESE 1
LUNCHEON MEAT 2

ANALYSIS OF 5lb+ EELS PER YEAR SINCE 1960

1960 - 6	1970 - 2	1980 - 7	1990 - 9	2000 -
1961 - 13	1971 - 5	1981 - 16	1991 -	
1962 - 5	1972 - 8	1982 - 14	1992 -	
1963 - 5	1973 - 15	1983 - 24	1993 -	
1964 - 3	1974 - 25	1984 - 12	1994 -	
1965 - 1	1975 - 24	1985 - 26	1995 -	
1966 - 11	1976 - 31	1986 - 21	1996 -	
1967 - 16	1977 - 12	1987 - 13	1997 -	
1968 - 9	1978 - 20	1988 - 25	1998 -	
1969 - 6	1979 - 10	1989 - 25	1999 -	
<u>TOTAL 75</u>	<u>TOTAL 152</u>	<u>TOTAL 183</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	

ANALYSIS OF THE BEST EELS OF THE 80's

1980 - 31 eels over 4lb, best 7:14, 7:10
1981 - 60 eels over 4lb, best 8:9
1982 - 36 eels over 4lb, best 7:8, 7:6
1983 - 48 eels over 4lb, best 8:10, 7:8, 7:8
1984 - 19 eels over 4lb, best 10:3, 8:13, 9:0, 7:4, 8:0
1985 - 37 eels over 4lb, best 9:13, 9:7, 9:2, 8:12, 7:10, 7:8, 7:6
1986 - 61 eels over 4lb, best 8:0, 7:4
1987 - 44 eels over 4lb, best 7:14, 7:6
1988 - 69 eels over 4lb, best 8:1, 7:9, 7:9, 7:8
1989 - 64 eels over 4lb, best 9:2, 7:12, 7:9

NOTE: 26 eels over 7:6 since 1980 - over half of "TOP 50"
C.Mitchell's record of 8:8 stood for 47 years
A.Dart's record of 8:10 stood for 9 years
S.Terry's record of 11:2 has now stood for 12 years
A.Dart's record of 8:10 has since been beaten by 8 eels

THE A,G,M, A SUMMARY.

This AGM was as usual a bit under attended with only 6 members present. The new appointments of Kevin Huish as Chairman, Tom Calder as Secretary, Chris Brown as Social Officer, (This is to try and organize trips for 1991).

Also on the agenda was sub's these have been increased to £6 to be paid by the 1st Feb if they are not paid by this date there will be a joining fee of £2.

Eels for baits, we had along discussion over this and ended up saying that we encourage the return of all eels but leave it up to the members discretion.

There are now 38 members of which the new members have contributed extremely well to the club and bulletin. Tom Calder won the best article, with John Sidley getting a special prize for the amount of work he sent in for the bulletin, they both got free membership,

Kevin Huish was awarded the Nigel Jeyes Trophy for Meritorious Effort atrophy well deserved for his work in the last few years in the NAC.

We now have a display board to be put on show at the meetings and at shows such as the N A S A conference in 1991 (Thats only in a few weeks time) so we would like some more photos with new faces on (and Eels) to show of the club to the rest of the fishing world.

As usual the food was good and we was well looked after at the Windser Lodge in Daventry, but I was a little disappointed at the turnout. Tom Calder came down all the way from Scotland at a cost to himself in train fair alone of over £40 a greateffort indeed he stayed at my house on the Saturday and Sunday, this is somethink anyone of you could do you are morethan welcome to kip down here and you could even sample our local brew's I am afraid Tom stayed in the house and went to bed early on both nights (I hope that satisfy's the wife Tom put the money in the post)

Thats about it for the meeting our old or new secretary (I don't know which one is going to do it) will be doing the minutes of the meeting and this will give you a full version of the days events.

Dear Kevin,

Not a great deal of eel news from waters beneath the Sussex Downs I'm afraid. Innumerable bootlaces from the Pevensy Level waters in the immediate vicinity of the sea, but precious few elsewhere - and that includes rivers, ponds and lakes. Indeed, it is a long time since I have seen an eel, let alone a decent one from a small water.

Is it the hot summers, a loss of sense of direction, the enormous loss of ponds that are taking place due to so-called progress, i.e. filling in of ponds because they are 'dangerous' (the Nanny syndrome) or because builders find planning applications easy to obtain where in-filling of water is concerned?

It could even be a serious reduction of serious eel anglers, another loss to the matchfishing craze that seems to be sweeping the country, threatening to wipe out serious fishing and its study.

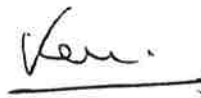
However, I was present in February of this year on a biting cold day in a local lake that lies beside an in-fill site when it was electro fished, and to my surprise several eels in the four pound range were netted, admired and then put back. The day was also interesting in that several grass snakes were seen in woodland surrounding the lake - an occurrence not unconnected with the warmth of surrounding land beneath which several thousands of tons of rubbish was decomposing, bringing an artificial warmth.

Thanks, John, for your thoughts on my previous letter. Yes, I remember those ropes of elvers that once climbed out weirs and mourn the loss of their numbers. But I don't think that the inshore coastal trawlers are making much of a killing among our eel population - at least on the South Coast. I say that with some authority, working on one occasionally. Or to be more honest, when the weather isn't too rough.

However, I was in Boston a year ~~ago~~ ago and was fascinated by the numbers of fyke nets visible at low water below the harbour entrance. I got in touch with some of those operating the nets and learned much - despite their protestations that 'times were 'ard and a living 'arder!. We hear a great deal of that today, but you see few of those who protest looking hungry.

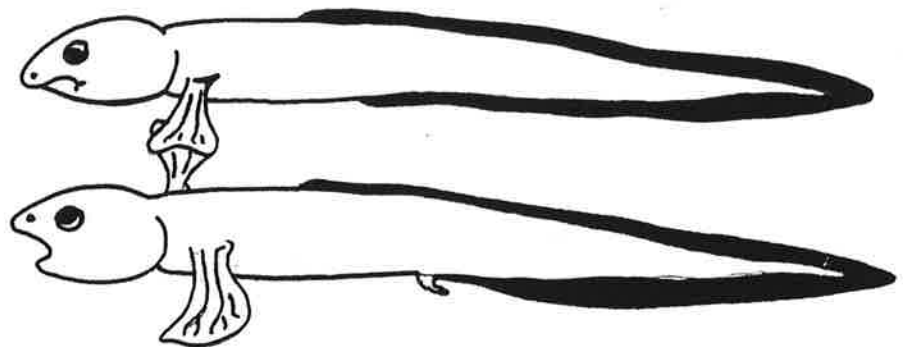
Finally Kevin, my apologies for missing the last outing. Life for me at the moment is one of converging deadlines which I cannot afford to miss. But there are a few clear patches on the skyline and I hope to be able to meet everyone soon.

Best wishes to all,



Ken Whitehead.

P.S. Tom Calder has my vote for the best article writer.



LOOK LUV, I DON'T CARE,
THERE'S NO WAY I'M GONNA GET IT
UP AFTER SWIMMING THAT FAR!



DIARY OF A MADMAN PART 2

CHRIS BROWN .

It was Friday night and my mate Keith picked me up, we loaded the car up and we were off, he moved the gear changer into warp speed (he's got a Renault 5 Turbo) and we were there.

On arriving at the water we decided to fish the dam, this the part of the lake I have already had a couple of decent fish off 5 days before, I had done a week on it and it produced two eel at 4lb 6oz and 5lb 5oz both were caught on small whole roach.

Any way we set our rods and cast out we were both using half deads. Then we got down to some serious eating, chicken stir' fries were chosen with half a loaf of bread and a couple of coffee's to wash it all down, bloated we sat down ready for the action if there was to be any.

The sun went down and it went really black, this was the time we were waiting for, at 10 15 pm one of the buzzers sounded it was one of mine , I picked the rod up the line was running off the spool, I closed the bale arm wound down and bent into the fish which came up onto the top of the water about 50 yds out, after a good fight it came to the net it looked a good eel, Keith said it was bigger than a five, as I checked the fish over I noticed some blood coming from its mouth and there was a large bump on the side of its head, anyway the fish was weighed and it went 6lb 4oz, it was then sacked to see if it would recover overnight.

Early the next morning about 5 am I opened the sack only to find the eel dead . I put the fish in a bag packed up and we were off , Keith dropped me (two p's in dropped sorry, ED,) off at home where I buried the fish in my back garden, its a shame but eels do die, I don't know why this one did it wasn't gut hooked, and it put up a good fight but just seemed to flake out in the net.

Talking to the baliff he said he'd found a big eel dead in the side, was it one of the other eels I'd caught? I don't know, all I know is that the rigs I used always resulted in the eel being hooked in the mouth not gut hooked.

Since that night I went back to the lake on a two week session resulting in two fish of 3lb 12 oz and one of 6lb exactly which were caught on the last two nights of the two week session. Both of these fish were in mint condition and were returned alive and well.

CHRIS BROWN.

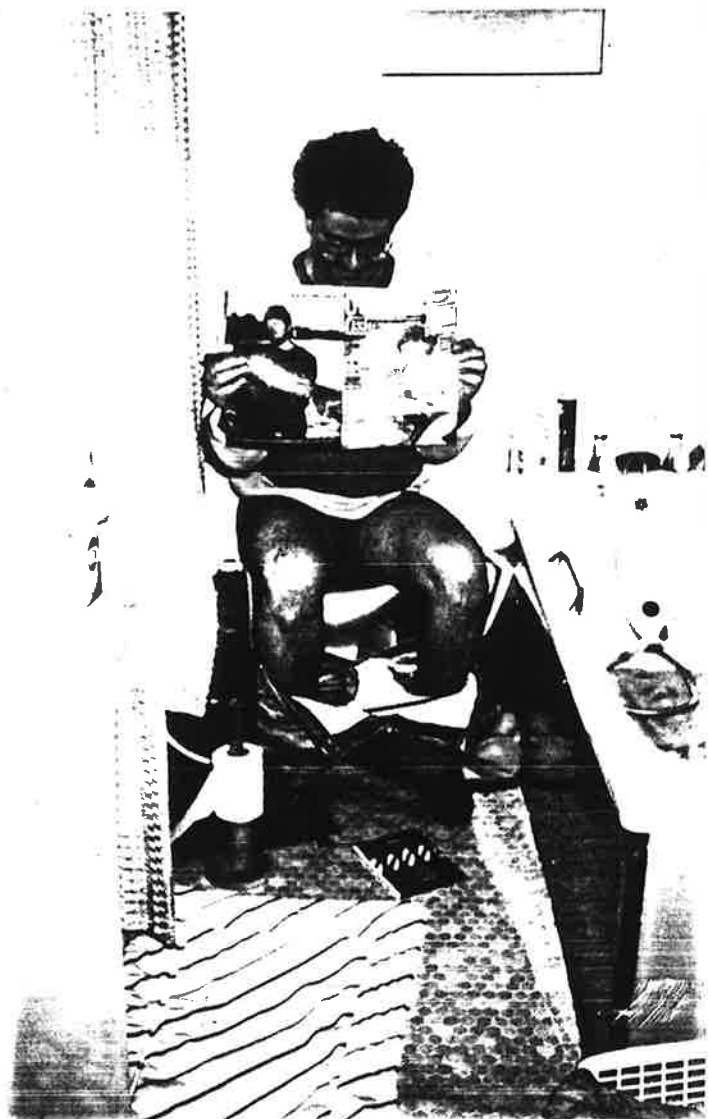
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ABOVE WITH GRINNING FRIEND WHO'S FISH WAS BIGGER THAN HIS.
EVEN HIS WIFE SAY'S HE LOOK'S LIKE A DEMENTED LAVATORY BRUSH.

AND BELOW IN HIS USUAL POSE ON THE
THRONE DROPPING BULLSHIT, READING
COURSE FISHERMAN.
HAS ANYBODY NOTICED WHO IT IS YET,
AND ALSO HAS ANYBODY NOTICED THE
REMARKABLE LACK OF AN EEL IN THE
PHOTO. EVEN MORE REMARKABLE IS THE
FACT THAT EVEN WITHOUT THE SAID EEL
HE HAS MANAGED TO PRODUCE 4 CHILDREN.
A TRIBUTE TO HIS WIFE'S EYESIGHT AND
PATIENCE, WELL DONE TO A WONDERFULL
LADY, PAT HUIISH.

P,S, TRY SOME OF THAT EEL STRETCHING
YOUR FAMOUS FOR KEVIN, BE A NICE
CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR THE WIFE.



LOTHIAN POND 'REVISITED'

Since the initial success of my first session at my new Eel water I have managed to fit in three more sessions in July. The first one in the same swim as before, saw several good runs, sadly all missed, during the night. All on perch heads, tails and livebait. Missing them was frustrating because I was sure at least some of these runs may have produced good Eels.

Two weeks passed between that and my next session. I arrived again to fish through the night, in a completely new swim. Fishing off a ledge on the cliff with a fivefoot straight drop to the water. This produced only take on sunken paternostered perch tail. The baitrunner was humming. I swept the rod back to find ? sod all on the end.

Just as July was drawing in I managed to sneak another evening session in. The plan being to arrive mid afternoon and fish until early morning if every thing went well. (It didn't) Things were looking good. The weather was humid, plenty of cloud cover and a good haul of bait size Perch already in the net. (Fresh bait seems to out fish their frozen counterparts on this water by a mile). It was approaching 10 30 pm when darkness began to creep in and I was high with anticipation. Ten minutes later the cloud cleared to reveal a full moon shining on the waters surface. Everything remained dead and I packed up around midnight, convinced I was wasting my time . Thus ending almost annoying July. I didn't have as favorable conditions as I would have liked and I never connected with any runs I did have.

It was well into August before I did another session at the water, again in the evening . The weather had been fine and warm during the day and instinct told me to try a new area where the cliff face meets the far bank . In this area a massive sunken tree enters the water amid a leviathan tangle of branches and snags. Access was limited but something told me this would produce. My confidence was sky high. I soon had a good supply of Perch livebaits but as it was a new swim I decided to try a selection of baits on three rods. Ledgered livebait , worm and ACE attracter, and ledgered Liver and prebait. After four hours of complete inactivity from the bobins I couldn't persist with liver any longer and changed to perch head . I repositioned this to a shelf close to some overhanging trees in a very cramped corner of the swim. My confidence started to wane again as it was now 11 30 pm. Suddenly the optonic burst in to life on the dead bait rod , the line was peeling off . I crouched down behind the rod in a hawthorn thickrt and struck upwards between its overhanging branches. The struggle seemed fairly short and in the glow of the lamp the eel didn't look to be as big as my earlier catches but I gessed at 3lb +. I was over the moon . Then as I was sacking the fish the livebait went off . After a much longer tussle in the blackness I landed another good Eel which I was convinced was larger than the first . After a fair struggle I managed to unhook Eel No 2. both Eels amazingly weighed 4lb 6oz exactly, one was aproxiamately 3" longer than the other. The swim now resembled a battlefield, rods, lines ,net ect all over the place in a swim that was cramped to start with .

By the time the mess was sorted out and baits recast it was after midnight and I was a very contented angler . I was awoken by a continuous tone of the optonic, resulting from a belter of a run (perch head again) in the 'jungle' swim. When I stumbled towards the rods, line was pouring of the spool at an alarming rate but in the darkness and with my senses dulled by sleep I knocked the rod off the rest as I squeezed in behind it. The chance had gone.

I packed up at 7-30 am after a photo session still thinking about the run I had mucked up. I know it may have been a small fish but I can't help wondering if it was somethink a bit special. One thing for sure I intend to find out sooner rather than later.

Footnote= Best two sessions (each producing two 4IB + fish) occurred the Friday before the week of new moon. Coincidence? Maybe but I think there is much to be learnt about moon cycles affecting the feeding behaviorur of Eels. I'd be interested to hear what other members think or have experienced.

TOM (TAM) CALDER.

PS. This article was painstakingly re written by my wife from my scratchings which I could not read my self.



STEVE BRYANT A LETTER AND
AN ARTICLE.

Dear Nick,

I have just recieved my magazine (the first) and thought I should tell you how pleased I was to see that the quality of the articles was as high as it was.

Unfortunately I will not be able to get to the AGM as I start a new job the following day and have to go on a course in North Wales.. I think that Kevin Huish well deserves the trophy as having seen him pollish off runny fried eggs just after throwing up from drinking to much ale at the Chub Study Group AGM and then boasting about the most disgusting green paste bait I have ever seen and how he couldn't wait to use it that day, I think anyone that keen deserves a trophy for somethink. Seriously he is a great bloke who puts his all into the sport and its nice when we can all give him something in return for his efforts. (I totally agree and as for his eating habits theres not much any one can say. ED)

On the Eels for bait subject I would like to voice my opinion they shouldn't be used at all as they no more effective than any other bait and we surely should stand up for the protection of a much exploited species (I'll get of my soap box now)

If there are no takers for the bulletin editor and you are desperate to stand down I dont mind giving it my best shot (you poor mug I will let you know the things you need to do OK ED) The following bit you may be able to use as a short piece in the next bulletin as it will take me some time to get a proper article together.

One of the two waters I have concentrated my efforts on this year is Broadlands Lake, Ive managed to get at least one night a week there since the end of August with a mate ,(he fishes for carp only). To start with I used only deads or worms as normal and was plagued with small eels and jack pike as most of the lads at the fish in were (which I missed due to the arrival of my daughter at 8Ib 3oz, I'm still nursing the wounds my wife inflicted on me when I commented that this must be what holding the once record eel must have felt like.) It wasn't untill I talked to the assistant bailiff Pete that I discovered that at least two eels were caught on livebaits in every Pike match right through the winter, to start with I wasn't sure about this but decided that I would give it a go on one rod at least

I fished the livebaits on a paternaster about a foot of the bottom just over the near shelf and a deadbait in usual areas, the first night produced 11 runs to deadbaits and 3 to livebaits resulting in 5 eels under 2Ib on the deads and 2 of 3Ib 2oz and 2Ib 7 oz on the livebaits, the takes on the livebaits were so savage that I thought they were Pike.

So that was it next session all three rods were set up with live trout as bait (the only livebaits allowed here) and fished at different distances from the bottom ,the result was 8 runs with 4 eels and 1 pike, the eels for the record went 1 Ib 11oz, 2 Ib 01oz, 2 Ib 00 oz, 3 Ib 12oz and 1 Ib 14 oz (the 3Ib 12oz came at 3pm in the afternoon.).

Since then all my sessions on the water have been with livebait and have produced 4 Eels over 4Ib the best 4 Ib 06oz and 47 between 1Ib 10oz and 3Ib. I have just returned from a two day session (Oct 23) and have caught 3 Eels on a very cold windy night when I expected to get nothing but plenty of Z's. So I shall be carrying on with my Eel fishing as long as they carry on feeding this year.

By the way I found the best distance from the bottom to be about 8 inches although on warm nights that seems to get higher (they must be more actively hunting when the weather is warm)

Tight lines

Steve Bryant.

P,S. NICK,

I fished the swim you fished at Farlows last Wednesday and only had 27 Perch how come you escaped them .

Pure skill, ED.

EDITORS NOTE,

It just goes to show, I had dismissed this water as to new to produce big Eels and the Eels around the 2 Ib mark were the original stock which had grown on from the Elver stage,

(give yourself a good smack on the wrist Nick)

Good luck with your Winter exploit's.

WANTED

HAS ANYBODY SEEN OR HEARD OF JERRY PARKINS IT IS RUMOURED THAT HE HAS LEFT CHELTENHAM AN IS IN THE SMOKE. HE WAS LAST SEEN DOING LORD LUCAN IMPRESSIONS IN AND AROUND LEYTONSTONE HE HAS CHANGED HIS APPEARANCE SOMEWHAT HIS HAIR IS NOW A SKINHEAD STYLE AND IT IS PRESUMED THAT HE COULD HAVE A BEARD IF ANY BODY HAS SEEN HIM PLEASE PHOTOGRAPH. AND RETIRE AS IT IS KNOWN THAT HE IS DANGEROUS AND COULD TURN NASTIER. PLEASE REPORT ANY SITINGS TO ME NICK ROSE A REWARD OF A MENTION IN A NATIONAL PUBLICATION AND A PHOTO IS THE PRIZE. IF MR PARKINS SEE'S THIS PLEASE GIVE YOUR SELF UP AND WRITE OR PHONE, A PROLONGED ABSENCE CAN ONLY LEAD TO MORE SLAGGING AND HASSLE FOR YOURSELF.

TACKLE FOR EEL FISHING, CHRIS BROWN.

Most nights when I go eeling I usually only stop till dawn, but when I go for a couple of days or a week or two theres some special tackle I have to take along. Now this isn't fishing tackle but cooking tackle, Nick Rose knows that I can't go fishing even for a days piking without a bagfull of food and a big flask.

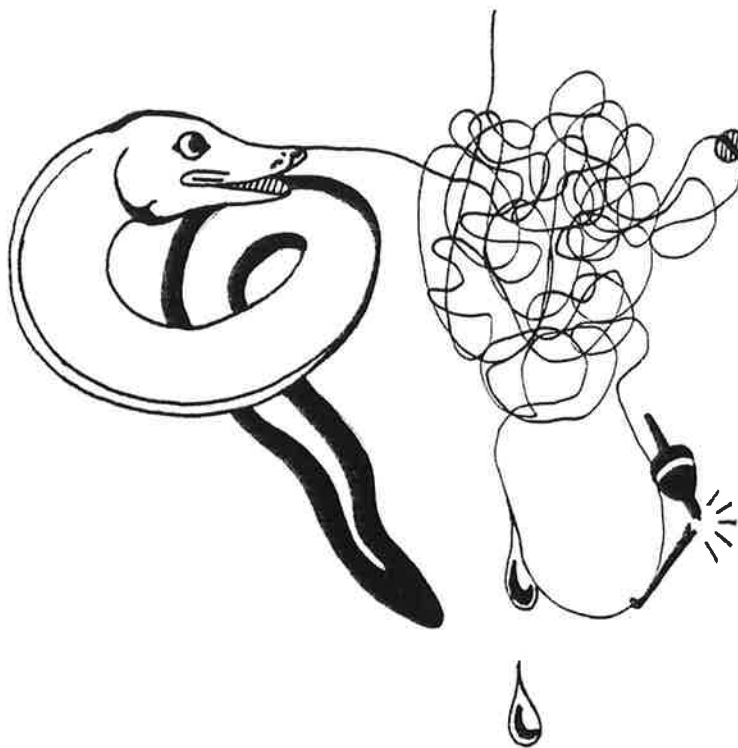
So when I'm out for a couple of nights I take with me my trusty Coleman Petrol Cooker (this thing resembles Mount ~~Vesuvius~~ Etna erupting I couldn't spell Vesuvius, ED.) my frying pan which has been on many sessions and my saucepan which is on its last legs, it makes my mouth water when I think of all the hot cups of coffee we made with it. (what do you mean WE, I don't recall geting many ED)

So there you are theres only three F's in my life

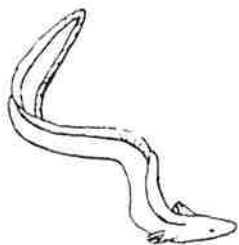
Fucking
Food
Fishing

And they don't always come in that order, It depends on which time of the month it is.

(Just before any wise bugger thinks it, when I go fishing with Chris I only join in on the second two activitys on his list i'e' Food and Fishing. ED)



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